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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NAKAMOTO et al

Serial No.: 10/083,254

Filed: February 27, 2002

For: Semiconductor Manufacturing Apparatus And Its
Diagnosis Apparatus And Operating System

Art Unit: 2125

Examiner: J. Gandhi

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 23, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed July 27, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.41300X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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